

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following heading before paragraph [0001]:  
BACKGROUND

Please add the following heading before paragraph [0008]:  
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please delete paragraph [0009].

Please amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] Linking in ~~this~~ the context of the present invention is understood to be an at least multiplicative coupling of the particular code word assigned to the data position, with the data position-specific datum, it also being possible for a scaling or weighting of the multiplication operation to be carried out. Such a combinatorial operation is carried out using known analog multiplication processes; in a digital realization of the method, the multiplication may be preferably performed by an EX-OR-NOT operation (negated EX-OR operation).

Please add the following heading before paragraph [0028]:  
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following heading before paragraph [0036]:  
DETAILED DESCRIPTION